more urgent. There is therefore the question of urgency also.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—If the question of necessity is considered only at the time when grant is to be given and if the grant is not going to be given on account of want of necessity, will not this starting of a school entail unnecessary expenditure on the body that starts it ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No guarantee of aid is given when a school is recognised.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—When recognition is given it is presumed that grant will not be refused for want of necessity.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—When recognition is given no guarantee of aid is given and as the Code itself says, grant cannot be claimed as a matter of right. It is only a grace. We give aid to the schools in accordance with the urgency and I am sure that the Hon'ble Member cannot complain that any of them has been left out till now.

Road Board.

544. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Road Board was constituted;

(b) what work has the Board turned out by this time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Road Board was constituted as per orders contained in D. P., C. No. 641/06, dated 12th February 1931, P. W. Department.

(b) Two meetings were held.

1st on 27th July 1931/11th Karkadagam 1106.

2nd on 14th Thulam 1107/31st October 1931.

Copies of the minutes of the meetings are appended (*Appendix XIX*).

Durga Vilasam Primary School.

545. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date in Mithunam 1106 when the Durgavilasam Primary School was blown away by the wind;

(2) the strength of the school when the school building collapsed;

(3) when did the Primary school subsequently commence work in the Durgavilasam High School, during the morning hours; if as a matter of fact the Primary school recommenced work in the High school;

(4) is the school working now and if not, when did it cease to work;

(5) till what month of 1106 or 1107 has the school drawn its grant;

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APPENDIX XVIII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 543)

List of Schools to which recognition was given.

1. Elamana N S, Trippunittura
2. L P S, Manappilli
3. N S, Panangad
4. N S, Pallipuram
5. N S, Elankunnapuzha
6. N S, Kanjur
7. S D P Y N S, Pallivirutti
8. N S, Chakyamuri
9. N S, Cochin
10. N S Ernakulam
11. Christu Raja N S, Pallivirutti
12. S S, Chottanikara
13. A S, Kallapadam
14. A S, Kuttancheri
15. St. Teresa's Primary School, Kanimangalam
16. A S, Trikaraya
17. L P School for Odas
18. N S, Cheruviruthi
19. L P School, Nayarangadi
20. N S, Pullur
21. St. Antony's N S, Mullurkara
22. Sanskrit School, Kanimangalam
23. U M G S, Karingochira

List of Schools to which aid has been given.

1. U M G S, Karingochira
2. N S, Ernakulam

APPENDIX XIX.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 544.)

Road Board Meeting No. 1 of 1106.

Minutes of a meeting of the Cochin Road Board held at the Chief Engineer's Office, Trichur, on Monday, July 27, 1931 at 1-30 p. m.

Present:—

M. R. Ry. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon Avl., Chairman.

Members.

,,	P. W. Davis Esq.	Planter.
,,	P. V. Raphael	Registar of Village Panchayats
,,	K. P. Varkki	Member, Thiruvankulam Panchayat
,,	P. Paran Madhavan	do Kodakara
,,	P. Narayanan Nambudiri	do Kodanur
,,	C. M. Thechan	do Kattakampal
,,	C. Krishnan Nayar	do Pattancheri
,,	P. Kunjipokerkutti	do Methala

Read Proceedings dated February 12, 1931, C. 641/06, creating the Road Board and Proceedings dated July 2, 1931, C. 641/06, nominating members to the Board.

Recorded.

The question of including improvements to canals within the scope of the work of the Board was discussed. The Board is of opinion that canals, forming, as they do, an important link in the communication system of the State, should be included in the regular programme of work of the Board. The Chairman is requested to communicate its views to Government for sanction.

It was resolved to request the Chairman of the Rural Reconstruction Committee to forward for information of the Board a complete list of all Road requirements gathered by that Committee in their investigations.

The Chairman was requested to supply all the members with an up-to-date Road Map of the State.

It was resolved that regular meetings of the Road Board should be conducted in the months of Thulam, Makaram, Medam and Karkadagam and

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that the members should send in their suggestions for road works to the Board at least one month in advance of the meeting.

The question of travelling allowance to the members attending the Road Board meetings and in doing work in connection with the Board was discussed. No definite decision was arrived at, but the following suggestions were pointed out:—

(1) To allow the members 1st class T. A. for attending meetings, or

(2) To give them T. A. as per the schedule adopted by the Judicial Department for Panchayat members attending court.

It was also pointed out that the members having jurisdiction over a whole Taluk, will have to incur considerable out-of-pocket expenses for investigating and reporting on road propositions. They have therefore to be compensated for this expenditure. It was appreciated that there will be difficulty in controlling such journeys but it was felt that some sort of compensation is necessary. The discussion on this question was general and the Chairman was requested to obtain Government orders in the matter.

The meeting closed at 4 p. m.

(True copy)

Meeting No. 1 of 1107.

Minutes of a meeting of the Cochin Road Board held at the Chief Engineer's Office, Trichur, on Saturday, 14th Thulam 1107 (31st October 1931) at 2 p. m.

Present.—

V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Esq., Chairman.

Members.

M. R. Ry.	P. V. Raphael Avl.,	Registrar of Village Panchayats.
,,	K. P. Varkki	Member, Thiruvankulam.
,,	P. Paran Madhavan	,, Kodakara.
,,	C. M. Thechan	,, Kattakampal.
,,	P. Kunjipokerkutti	,, Methala.

I. Minutes of the meeting.

Read minutes of the last meeting dated 11th Karkadagam 1106.

Recorded.

II. Road from 18/2 of Karupadanna road to Puttenchira-proposal for.

Read letter C. 4872/05 dated 4th Kanni 1107 from the Registrar of Village Panchayats forwarding under Government direction for the consideration of the Board the question of opening a road from 18/2 of Karupadanna road to Puttenchira.

Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of the member for the Mukundapuram Taluk and the member for Velukara Panchayat should go into this question and submit a report for the Board's consideration.

III. Communication facilities—Edathirinji—Padiyur and Vallivattam villages—Mukundapuram Taluk.

Read D. P. Pw3/P/285/06, dated 16th September 1931, forwarding for the consideration of the Board the question of opening or repairing the following roads.

1. From Kakkathuruthi road (near Edathirinji village office) to Areepalam.

2. Road from Kettuchira to Poovanthinkadavu and thence to Vallivattam.

These proposals may wait for the present in consideration of the fact that the Panchayat Department has already started road construction to Poovathinkadavu and Vallivattam from Karupadanna road.

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3. To dry pitch the sides of Areepalam—Mathilakam road and to give it a granite metalled surface in place of existing gravel.

It is not considered necessary to dry pitch or give a coat of granite metal to the Areepalam—Mathilakam road as the road is in a good condition at present.

IV. Nelliampathi Ghat Road—Extension.

Read letter dated 13th August 1931, from P. W. Davis, regarding the following points.—

i. Completing Ghat Road to Pulayampara turn off.

ii. Extending road from Pulayampara to Padagiri and Karapara.

Resolved that the Nedugani Pulayampara section of the Ghat road should be completed as early as possible. The question of improving the Pulayampara Padagiri section may be taken up later on.

V. Road maintenance.

Read letters dated 13th August 1931 and 1st October 1931, from Mr. P. W. Davis on.—

i. Timber bridges—periodical painting and spacing of decking planks 1" apart for preventing dry rot.

ii. Paving of low embankments—advisability of paving low embankment with granite boulders to prevent loss of metal.

iii. Cart wheels—to introduce legislation prohibiting the use of cart-wheels having less than 3" width of tyres and to fix a minimum diameter for wheels.

Resolved that the remarks of Mr. Davis regarding i and ii be forwarded to the P. W. D. for consideration. Regarding iii, while the Board appreciates the need for having a legislation to fix the minimum width of tyres for carts, it considers that the matter should be referred to the Governments of Travancore and British India for opinion.

VI. Karkadagam 1106 Meeting of the Board—Government orders on—

Read Diwan's Proceedings, dated 8th October 1931, No. Pw3/2090/1107, passing orders on the points raised in the Board' Meeting in Karkadagam.

Recorded. The Board desires to bring to the notice of the Government that questions relating to all navigable canals may be discussed by him then.

VII. Road in Kattakampal—Palanji, Anjur, etc., villlages.—

Read letter dated 12th Kanni 1107, from Mr. C. M. Thechan regarding roads in Kattakampal, Palanji, Anjur, etc., villages. Also to discuss the advisability of extending the membership of Panchayats to Road Board Members till the end of period of the Board.

The Board is of opinion that Cheruvallikadavu should be connected with Vaduthala road. The question of re-alignment of the road from Cheruvalli ferry to Kattakampal may be considered later on. The P. W. D. may be requested to report the cost of constructing an enbankment across the Cheruvalli ferry and also whether the cost would justify its construction at the present time.

The Chairman be requested to bring to the notice of the Government that the members of the Board whose present membership expires within the life of the Board and who may be re-elected or nominated to their respective Panchayats may retain their seats on the Board.

VIII. Roneo—Duplicator—purchase of—

Read office note regarding the purchase of a Roneo Duplicator for sending copies of communications to the members of the Board.

The Board considers that it is very desirable to have a duplicator for the convenient circulation of all reports and correspondence connected

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with the work to all the members. The Board is of opinion that Model No·2 Duplicator of Addison & Co., for Rs. 150 is suited for the work.

IX. Bridges at Karanchira kadavu—construction of·

Read letter C. 5498/1106, dated 21st Chingam 1107, from the Registrar of Village Panchayats forwarding copy of Thaniyam Panchayat President's letter regarding the construction of a bridge at Karanchira kadavu·

The Board considers the work to be very useful and may be considered at the time of preparation of 1108 budget.

The meeting was closed at 5· m.

(True copy)

APPENDIX XX.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 545.)

The Durgavilasam Primary School building collapsed in Mithunam 1106. The Primary classes were afterwards being held in the High School building in the morning. The School was working satisfactorily till about the middle of Kanni 1107. Since then there was only few teachers and pupils coming to school daily· For the last one week I used to find only some teachers but no pupils. The Headmaster is not very often found in the school.

(Sd) K. A. VENKITESWARA AYYAR,
Headmaster,
D. V. High School, Velur,

വെല്ലൂർ ദുർഗ്ഗവിലാസം പ്രൈമറിസ്കൂൾ രണ്ടാംക്ലാസു മാസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. ഗണപതിനായർ വടക്കെ ഡിവിഷൻ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ അവർകൾ മുമ്പാകെ കൊടുത്ത· സ്റ്റേറ്റ്മെൻറ്.

ഞാൻ ദുർഗ്ഗവിലാസം പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളിൽ ഒരദ്ധ്യാപകനാകുന്നു. പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടം വീണതു ൧൧൦൬ മിഥുനം ൨൬-൦൦-യാണ്. അതിനു ശേഷം ക്ലാസുകൾ ദുർഗ്ഗവിലാസം ഹൈസ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടത്തിൽ വച്ചു കാലത്തു് ൧൦ മണി മുതൽ ൫ മണി വരെ നടത്തിയിരുന്നു. ക്രമേണ കുട്ടികൾ കുറഞ്ഞുവന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് ക്ലാസു രണ്ടാക്കി നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിച്ചില്ല. ഇതു ഉദ്ദേശം തുലാമാസം ആദ്യം മുതൽക്കു തന്നെ തുടങ്ങീട്ടുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ കന്നിമാസം ആദ്യം മുതൽ തന്നെ ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർ കുട്ടികളുടേയും അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടേയും ഹാജരു പട്ടിക സൂക്ഷ്മമായി എടുത്തുവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് ആ വക പട്ടികകളിൽ ഹാജരു മാർക്കു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർ ഹൈസ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടത്തിലേയ്ക്കു് പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂൾ മാറിയതിനു ശേഷം രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ തവണ മാത്രമേ സ്കൂളിലേയ്ക്കു് വന്നിട്ടുള്ളൂ. എനിയ്ക്കു് ചിങ്ങമാസത്തേയും കന്നിമാസത്തേയും ശമ്പളം തന്നിട്ടില്ല. ചിങ്ങമാസത്തെ അകപ്പറൻസിൽ ഞാൻ ഒപ്പിട്ടു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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APPENDIX XXI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 547.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Read petition dated 19th Makaram 1091 from Kakkasseri Chakkunni

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